

Public (1899) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 61

Dated 17-1-88

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Directing that Mr P. Kershaap
I.C.S. be reprimanded for the irritating & un-
becoming language which he in his capacity
of President of the Sivaganga Taluk Board has
made use of in his correspondence with the
Manager of the Lessees of the Sivaganga
Zamindari.

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CURRENT No. 3

Order

From
The Local and Municipal Boards

No. 2309 (L/m)

Dated 5-12-98

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SUBJECT.

Sauitation, Referring
the lessees of the Sivaganga Zemindar
to the Presd of the Madras Dist. Board
regarding their scheme of paying the unim-
proved at Sivaganga for deposit
the town rubbish on the fields of
certain villages and stating that order
will be passed in the Public Works
on the complaint of the lessees regarding
their complaint against Mr. Dersham.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers—

From the Lessees of the Sivaganga Zemindary, No. 251, dated 9th August 1898. J. H.

We have the honour to place before you for such action as Government may deem desirable:—

(1) As per list A, copies of letters that have passed between our management at Sivaganga and the President of the Sivaganga Taluk Board and correspondence relevant thereto with our Tahsildar of Eliangudi on the subject of the disposal of the refuse of the town of Eliangudi in the Sivaganga Zemindary.

(2) As per list B, copies of letters that have passed between our management at Sivaganga and the President of the Sivaganga Taluk Board relative to the Sivaganga town refuse.

The papers in list A serve to shew we have been trying to improve the sanitation of the town of Eliangudi, which is, we understand, seldom, if ever, free from cholera. Having been unsuccessful for the time being there, we turned our attention to the town of Sivaganga (our Head Quarters), and made what we submit was a fair and reasonable offer to the President of the Taluk Board, which however met with what practically amounted to a rejection.

Our Manager who had reported that he had anticipated opposition from the Union, suggested that we should increase the offer in order that its liberality would render it impossible for it to be refused. We accordingly sanctioned this, and it would appear that the Union has secured a contractor who will remove the refuse for a sum which upon our first offer affords a saving to the Union of Rs. 346 per annum.

It is not however our wish to dwell upon this point, but to solicit the attention of Government to the letters of Mr. Ker-

shasp.

Kershasp No.404/S.T.B., dated 23rd June 1898 and No.758/S.T.B., dated 13th July 1898, which we regard as very improper and unbecoming in an officer of ^{the} Government.

It is scarcely necessary to do more than indicate how injudicious and unbusinesslike has been the manner in which Mr. Kershasp has from first to last met us and dealt with the matter of the Sivaganga town refuse.

In this connection our Manager reports that the insanitary conditions prevailing in the Zemindari Villages generally, are absolutely appalling, one that he especially lays stress on being that the villagers are in the habit of making a latrine of, and depositing their refuse in, the tank from which they obtain water for domestic consumption, which alone would account for the Zemindary seldom being free from cholera. He further rightly observes that little reform can be expected until an example is set the villagers by better attention to the sanitation of the towns and some support is extended by an officer in Mr. Kershasp's position to those trying to grapple with the evils.

We feel it a duty as Lessees of the Sivaganga Zemindary, and necessarily having the welfare of the people at heart, as, apart from any feeling of human kindness, our interests are wrapped ^{up} in theirs, to do all we can to remedy the insanitary conditions that prevail, but it becomes a difficult matter for us to proceed when we have to deal with an official, who has, to say the least of it, afforded us quite the reverse of support, and indeed shown such want of judgment, if we may say so, as Mr. Kershasp has, in the matter.

We hear some anxiety and difficulty have been experienced in connection with the insanitary state of Bodinayakanur, and we would beg to suggest that if the Zemindar of that, and other Zemindaries, could be induced to come forward and to offer pecuniary and active assistance as we have done and are prepared to still further extend, all, or most of the difficulties with regard to sanitation would soon disappear. The force of example amongst ryots is so strong in such matters that we feel assured Zemindars generally would be induced to follow our lead.

We submit however that no proprietor will offer assistance when

when it is known that any attempt in such directions has only met with incivility and the treatment we have experienced.

The efficient sanitation of villages is one of the most difficult problems of the day, and we would, with all due deference, ask Government to consider whether it cannot best be solved by enlisting the help of those whose interests are, like ours, centered there, and who can and will give physical effect to recognized sound measures.

Endorsement of the President, District Board, Madura, Dis. No. 1160, dated 7th October 1898.

Resubmitted.

2. The Lessees have objected to two of the letters written by the President, Taluk Board, Sivaganga, with regard to the disposal of the Sivaganga rubbish. In the letter No. 404, dated 23rd June, Mr. Kershasp refers to a contract between the Unions and Lessees and says he is surprised the latter have reduced their offer to Rs. 1500 for the second year. He gives the purport of an interview he had with Mr. Millar the Manager. He appears to think that a mutual understanding had been arrived at, and that the Lessees had unwarrantably withdrawn their offer. Mr. Millar in his letter dated 28th June denies that any such agreement was made in the conversation between them. On 26th June, Mr. Millar withdrew his offer to take any rubbish, owing to the delay which had occurred, and the time for rubbish being useful having almost expired. The next letter to ~~the~~ which the Lessees strongly object is No. 758, dated 13th July, and it will be seen that the President does not admit Mr. Millar's version of the interview that took place between them. He says that he will not allow the Lessees to withdraw from their offer, mentioned in the letter of 17th June. He accuses them of contemplating a breach of contract. I think that the whole of this letter is couched in the most irritating and offensive language that could be used.

3. Mr. Kershasp has since left the district on leave and is, I suppose, not likely to return. If he returns, I beg to suggest that Government will issue an order to prevent any further correspondence of this sort. I need not express any opinion as to the

merits

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